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Greetings from the Ninth District Office

Can you hear it? You know. That crackling sound is a welcome sound as we hear the thawing after a long winter. As we begin to make our way outdoors again, let's be reminded that more and more people will be out walking in the neighborhoods so let's do our part to make sure the sidewalks are clear of debris and low hanging branches. Blind folks can't

see them and they depend on us to keep them trimmed up. I hope to see you all as we work in the District, enjoy our Metro Parks, attend neighborhood meetings or perhaps even at the upcoming Easter Parade on Frankfort Avenue. And finally, be sure to get to know those fine people who have stepped up to run for 9th District Metro Council as they move

throughout the area. They are all great candidates and they are all working hard for your vote. Don't let them down by not showing up to vote on May 20th. The future of our community is riding on it.



As always, it's an honor to serve you.
Tina

Need to Report a Pothole? Find Your Junk Pick-Up Date?



Mayor Greg Fischer announced that Metro311 is now on Twitter. Citizens can tweet their issues, concerns or questions to the handle @LouMetro311 – rather than having to call 311 to verbally report issues. MetroCall was created in 1989 as CityCALL and, when the city and county merged in 2003, it became MetroCall. It's the place where residents can request a service, offer a suggestion, ask a question, share an opinion, register a complaint and even pass on a compliment relating to city services and events. In addition to being a quick, easy

way to interact with government, the new Twitter handle will also allow other citizens to see what people are tweeting about – and the public can even help answer questions, said Marilyn Givan, who oversees MetroCall.

People may connect with MetroCall in many ways:

- by phone by simply dialing 311 or 574-5000;
- by email metro.call@louisvilleky.gov
- online <https://dp.louisvillemsd.org/DPCR8/>; or
- by downloading the on the Mobile App for your smartphone www.louisvilleky.gov/mobileapps

CycLOUvia is coming to Frankfort Avenue

On Sunday, April 13, between 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. CycLOUvia will take over Frankfort Avenue between Pope Street and Stilz Avenue. Pedestrian traffic will replace traditional vehicular traffic, as Frankfort Avenue becomes a paved park, allowing people to walk, bike, dance, skate or participate in other physical activity in the roadway normally reserved for vehicular traffic and directly engage with businesses along Frankfort Avenue. This event is FREE and open to the public.

Frankfort Avenue between Pope and Stilz Avenues will be closed to vehicular traffic beginning at 1:30 p.m. Cross traffic will be allowed at Ewing Avenue under traffic control officer supervision.

Businesses throughout the corridor will set up shop on the street to interact better with participants at CycLOUvia. Thousands of people have attended previous CycLOUvia's in the Highlands. Hope you will be able to come out and walk, ride, push, roll, etc. on Frankfort Avenue rain or shine!



We'll also be celebrating the life of Joe Ward, a long-time Crescent Hill resident and avid cyclist at the event. Details are still being confirmed – check our website or blog for more information closer to the event.

For more information please visit the website at www.cyclovivia.org or contact Michael King with Metro Economic Growth and Innovation at 574-0032.

Responsible Recycling Event - New Location This Year!

In partnership with The Energy Pros of Louisville and Louisville Water Company we are proud to host the annual FREE Responsible Recycling Event on Saturday, May 10, 2014. The event will run from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at the Louisville Water Tower Park, home of the WaterWorks Museum, 3005 River Road. While sponsored by District 9, any citizen in Louisville may participate at this FREE event. *Businesses may not drop off items at this event.*

This will be a drive-through event and vendors will be parked along the driveway at Louisville Water Tower Park. Vehicles will be greeted by volunteers when they arrive and directed to the appropriate vendor trucks so volunteers can unload the donated or recycled goods. The following vendors will be participating in the event: Catholic Charities, Dress for Success, EcoCell, ECS Refining, Good Garbage, Habitat ReStore, Interstate All Battery Center, RML Shredding, Supplies Over Seas and WaterStep. We will be collecting art supplies, cell phones & accessories, clothing, shoes (new and used), personal documents to be shredded (please no plastic bags), household building supplies, household furniture, household items and accessories, children & baby items, household & handheld electronics (no printers will be accepted), medical supplies, TV's, and batteries (re-chargeable and non-rechargeable will be accepted).



We will be posting a complete list of what will be accepted by each individual vendor on our website in the next few weeks, please visit www.louisvilleky.gov/district9 or contact the office at 574-1109 or email kyle.ethridge@louisvilleky.gov.

Ban the Box Ordinance Information

On Thursday, March 13, 2014, by unanimous vote, an ordinance prohibiting the City and its Vendors from engaging in hiring practices against persons previously convicted of crimes and prohibiting the placement of a "check the box" on City job applications by persons having criminal convictions passed. The ordinance was sponsored by Rick Blackwell (D12), Cheri Bryant Hamilton (D5), David James (D6), Attica Scott (D1), Barbara Shanklin (D2), David Tandy (D4), Tina Ward-Pugh (D9), and Mary Woolridge (D3).

It has been the practice of Louisville Metro Government, by and through its Human Resources Department, not to allow an employment applicant's past criminal history to be a sole

determinate for gaining employment with Louisville Metro Government. It is the desire of Louisville Metro Government to be a leader by example for other business entities that contract with Louisville Metro, and encourage them to adopt hiring practices similar to national and local business chains that have adopted similar type practices. It is the intent of Louisville Metro Government to undertake steps to remove potential barriers for individuals with criminal records and who have fully completed their sentences to enter the workforce, and to codify the practice of Louisville Metro Government, by and through its Human Resources Department, not to allow an employment applicant's past

criminal history to be a sole determinate for gaining suitable employment. This ordinance applies to vendors, contractors, or suppliers of goods and/or services valued at \$2,500 or more to Louisville Metro Government. Vendors who apply for business with the City must have the practice that initial employer applications not contain a "box" or question of inquiry on the initial application. The City shall retain at all times the authority to deny, rescind, revoke, or terminate or not renew a contract with a vendor for failing to comply with these standards.

General provisions are, except as otherwise provided by state and Federal law, the City shall not inquire about an applicant's conviction history until after it has been determined that the applicant is otherwise qualified for the position. City job applications shall not contain a "box" or inquiry regarding an applicant's prior convictions and applicants shall not be required to check or otherwise fill in a "box" or inquiry regarding an applicant's prior criminal conviction (s). If an applicant reaches the final stages of consideration for hire the City shall notify the applicant that a background check may be conducted and at that time the applicant would be given an opportunity to inform Louisville Metro of any prior convictions and explain them.

To read the entire ordinance please visit www.louisvilleky.gov/district9.

Residential Traffic Circles Planned on Nanz

As a pilot implementation project, Council District 9, cooperatively with the City of St. Matthews, are constructing two residential traffic circles at the intersections of Nanz Avenue with Iola Avenue and Nanz with Macon Avenue.

Traffic circles are raised islands, placed in intersections, around which traffic circulates. They are good for calming intersections, especially within neighborhoods, where large vehicle traffic is not a major concern but speeds, volumes, and safety are problems.

Advantages:

- Traffic Circles are very effective in moderating speeds and improving safety
- If designed well, they can have

positive aesthetic value

- Placed at an intersection, they can calm two streets at once

Effectiveness:

- Average of 11% decrease in the 85th percentile travel speeds, or from an average of 34.1 to 30.2 miles per hour (from a sample of 45 sites)
 - Including a large sample from Seattle, an average of 73% decrease in accidents, or from an average of 2.2 to 0.6 accidents per year (from a sample of 130 sites)
 - Excluding the large sample from Seattle, an average of 29% decrease in accidents, or from an average of 5.9 to 4.2 accidents per year (from a sample of 17 sites)
- Seattle is perhaps the US city most famous for these traffic calming devices, having installed more than a

thousand of them, while documenting a crash reduction of more than 70 percent! Residential traffic circles require approaching traffic to enter at a slow speed and yield to any vehicle (including bicyclists) already in the circle. The intent is to keep traffic flowing in a counter-clockwise direction. Unlike a larger roundabout, the raised circle in the middle is relatively small, typically no more than 16' – 24' in diameter for residential roads 25' – 36' in width. The residential traffic circle is designed to be just large enough to force the motorist to travel beyond the adjacent curb line, which ensures a lower appropriate speed for navigating the intersection, but not necessarily a full stop.

Snapshot of Neighborhood Development Funds, Capital Infrastructure Funds and Capital Budget December 2013 - March 2014 Expenditures

<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Sustainability Projects</u>	
MPW for Bike Boulevards Pilot Project on Nanz Avenue	\$ 9,000.00
MPW for TARC Bus Shelter Improvements	\$ 5,074.93
U of L Research Foundation for Class on Beargrass Creek	\$ 8,060.00
<u>Public Improvement Projects</u>	
Economic Growth & Innovation - Parking T's on Story Ave	\$ 325.25
MPW for Land Survey on Claremont for Access to Reservoir Park	\$ 3,755.00
MPW for New Benches on Frankfort & Brownsboro Road	\$ 1,284.40
Sidewalk Repair on N Hite sidewalk	\$ 832.50
<u>Non-Profit Projects</u>	
Annual Green Sparks Awards Luncheon	\$ 35.00
Clifton Center for General Programming	\$ 2,000.00
Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana for Membership Assistance	\$ 5,000.00
Kentucky Waterways Alliance for the Wild & Scenic Film Festival	\$ 1,000.00
Louisville Independent Business Association - Buy Local First Fair Metro Parks for	\$ 2,000.00
Free Movies at Iroquois Amphitheater	\$ 500.00
Muhammad Ali Shuffle Walk/Run	\$ 200.00
Shakespeare in the Park for Hamlet at Story Park	\$ 500.00
Stage One Theatre	\$ 250.00
Volunteers of America for Sprinkler System	\$ 250.00

Brightside One Bright City Initiative

Brightside has initiated a new program for Louisville, **One Bright City**. All citizens are responsible for being good stewards and for leaving the community in better shape than they inherited it. **One Bright City** is an initiative that provides a structured framework to help make Louisville an even better place to live, work and play. It empowers citizens to become long-term caretakers of our community. This initiative will organize community-wide efforts to measurably reduce litter, plant trees and increase the urban tree canopy, and encourage sustainable living by educating and engaging citizens through a tiered recognition program.

There are three components of **One Bright City**: 1) Brightside Community-Wide Cleanliness Index which will be performed in partnership with Metro Public Works. It includes a quarterly survey and reporting process that will provide a baseline measurement of litter on Louisville's streets and sidewalks, and in area parks and public spaces. The project will track changes over time and allow citizens to collect and maintain data to drive decision-making, policy development and resource allocation; 2) Tree Planting and Canopy Expansion, through this project participants and partner

organizations, such as the Tree Advisory Commission and Louisville Grows, will conduct citizen forester trainings and organize spring and fall tree plantings and engage the community at large to empower them to make a difference by contributing to this goal; and 3) Green Living, which will educate individuals and households on how to live more sustainably and it will recognize neighborhoods that achieve participation levels in green activities with a Silver, Gold, or Platinum certification. By participating in a tiered neighborhood certification program, Louisville's neighborhoods will receive recognition for activities such as reducing the amount of waste sent to the landfill, managing storm water on-site, conserving energy and growing produce.

The **One Bright City** initiative will yield tangible results and has an initial capacity to facilitate a targeted litter clean-up program, 150 trees planted in conjunction with the inaugural "Give A Day event", and the training of 50 to 75 citizen foresters this summer. Louisville will be a more sustainable and desirable city for future generations.



2014 District 9 Calendar

F.A.T. Friday, Frankfort Avenue Trolley, 6:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. along Frankfort, Mellwood and Story Avenues. The F.A.T. Friday Trolley Hop takes place on the Final Friday of each month. For more info please visit www.fatfridayhop.com. Upcoming dates are Apr 25, May 30, Jun 27, Jul 25, Aug 29, Sept 26, Oct 31, Nov 28.

April 2014

Sunday, April 13: CycLOUvia on Frankfort Avenue from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. Vehicular traffic will be closed from Pope Street to Stilz Avenue with cross traffic allowed at Ewing Avenue. Pedestrian traffic will replace traditional vehicular traffic and Frankfort Avenue will become a paved park allowing for walking, biking, dancing, etc.

Saturday, April 19: Frankfort Avenue Easter Parade at 11:30 a.m. along Frankfort Avenue from Stilz to Haldeman Avenue. Participants should register at St. Mark's, 2822 Frankfort Avenue by 11:00 a.m. Questions please contact Michaelle Warner at 419-6159.

Tuesday, April 22: Earth Day Celebration at Noon at Beargrass Falls – corner of Brownsboro Road and Story Avenue in front of the MSD Beargrass Creek Pumping Station and at the trail head for the Butchertown Greenway. Come celebrate with us with a dedication of Beargrass Falls, demonstration of research projects, canoe trips, interpretative walks and display of natural history and local maps.

Saturday, April 26: U.S. Bank Great Balloon Race at 7:00 a.m. at Bowman Field.

May 2014

Friday, May 2: Kentucky Oaks

Saturday, May 3: Kentucky Derby

Saturday, May 10: 9th District FREE responsible recycling donation drive-through event at Louisville Water Tower Park, home of the WaterWorks Museum, 3005 River Road from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. For more information call 574-1109.

Saturday, May 17: St. Matthews Street Festival -from 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Frankfort Avenue between Bauer Avenue and Lexington Road will be closed for the festival.

Saturday, May 17: FREE Shakespeare in Story Avenue Park at 6:00 p.m. Enjoy a 90-minute performance of Hamlet. Picnic tables will be provided but attendees are encouraged to bring food, chairs, and blankets.

Sunday, May 18: Louisville Independent Business Alliance (LIBA) Buy Local First Fair from Noon – 6:00 p.m. at the Louisville Water Tower Park, 3005 River Road.

Monday, May 26: Memorial Day – Metro Government Holiday, all Metro offices closed. For the holiday collection schedule please call MetroCALL at 574-5000.



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June 2014

The 9th District USD will have junk collection set-out on a select weekend in June. You may begin setting out your junk Friday afternoon prior to your junk pick-up week and must have it all out by Monday at 6:00 a.m. For your junk set-out weekend dates please visit www.louisvilleky.gov, "Map It" or call the office at 574-1109.

Saturday, June 7 & Sunday, June 8: Butchertown Art Fair held within the 800 and 900 blocks of East Washington Street. Saturday's event will run from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Sunday's event will run from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The event will include over 80 art and craft vendors, food trucks, kids' activities, pet adoption and more. This event is FREE and open to the public.

Friday, June 20: Kentuckiana Pride Festival Parade at 7:30 p.m. I will be serving as the grand marshal of the parade and hope you'll be able to join us. The parade will head down Main Street and end at the Belvedere. The Kentuckiana Pride Parade is intended for the entire community.

July 2014

Friday, July 4: Independence Day – Metro Government Holiday, all Metro Offices closed. For the holiday collection schedule please call MetroCALL at 574-5000.

Friday, July 4 - Saturday, July 5:

Crescent Hill Fourth of July Celebration from 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. at the Peterson-Dumesnil House, 301 S Peterson Ave.

September 2014

Monday, September 1: Labor Day – Metro Government Holiday, all Metro offices closed. For the holiday collection schedule please call Metro-CALL at 574-5000.

Friday, September 5: 15th Annual Back to School Block Party from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Mary T. Meagher Aquatic Center, 201 Reservoir Avenue. Join us for FREE pizza, swimming and family fun!

Saturday, September 6 & Sunday, September 7: 6th Annual Mellwood Art Fair at Mellwood Arts Center, 1860 Mellwood Avenue.

To receive a weekly listing of 9th District events, please sign up for the eNews by calling the office at 574-1109 or by emailing kyle.ethridge@louisvilleky.gov, or check out our weblog at district9news.wordpress.com.

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